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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of:

Appeal No. _____

YONG-TAE JEONG

Serial No.: 09/576,218

Examiner: PHAM, THIERRY L.

Filed: 22 May 2000

Art Unit: 2624

For: REDUCING A STANDBY PERIOD OF TIME FOR PRINTING (as amended)

SECOND REPLY BRIEF

Paper No. 26

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §41.41(a), Appellant hereby requests entry of this Reply Brief in response to the Revised Examiner's Answer mailed on 12 January 2006 (Paper No. 25).

This Second Reply Brief is filed in triplicate, together with a written Second Request for An Oral Hearing (Paper No. 27) before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. The statutory fee incurred by that request was previously paid on 13 May 2005 with a Request for An Oral Hearing (Paper No. 19).

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REMARKS

The Examiner's Answer mailed on 18 March 2005 (Paper No. 17) and Revised Examiner's Answer mailed on 12 January 2006 have been carefully considered.

Stated simply, in a prior art computer network including two or more printers, such as that discussed in Ishii, a print server **separate from the host computer** stores data from the host computer or other computers in the network and forwards this data to an appropriate printer of the computer network.

On the other hand, the present invention is directed to a computer network including two or more printers but having **no separate print server**. Rather, the host computer **performs the functions of the print server**. In the host computer performing the functions of the print server, standby time is reduced since it is not necessary to first forward the data to the host computer and then have the host computer forward the data to the print server.

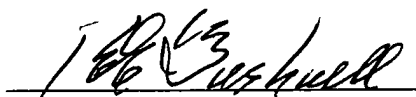
To state that the print server of Ishii corresponds to the host computer of the present invention, as alleged by the Examiner, is missing the entire point of the present invention, namely, the elimination of the separate print server.

Since the present claims recite a system and method and program storage device in which a network including two or more printers operates without a separate print server and since Ishii

specifically utilizes a separate print server with its network, it is submitted that the present claims are clearly patentable over Ishii.

A Second Request for Oral Hearing (Paper No. 27) accompanies this Second Reply Brief (Paper No. 26). The Appellant's check in the amount of \$1,000.00 drawn to the order of Commissioner accompanied the Reply Brief previously filed on 13 May 2005 (Paper No. 18).

Respectfully submitted,

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